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SUBJ HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

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1. AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES  
COMMITTEE (CODEL RANDALL) VISITED GENEVA MARCH 6-7 AND  
HELD TWO-HOUR HEARING WITH AMB SHERER, HEAD OF USDEL  
TO CSCE, AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. (TEXT OF AMB.  
SHERER'S PREPARED OPENING STATEMENT TRANSMITTED IN  
REFTEL A.)

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2. SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT IMPACT A UNILATERAL US TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM EUROPE WOULD HAVE ON THE CSCE. AMB COMMENTED THAT WHILE QUESTION OF TROOP REDUCTIONS WAS NOT ON CSCE AGENDA, SUCH A WITHDRAWAL WOULD UNDERMINE THE EUROPEAN STABILITY THAT CSCE WAS ENDEAVORING TO PROMOTE. THE CONGRESSMEN RAISED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT SOVIET AND US OBJECTIVES AT THE CONFERENCE AND GENERALLY EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT CSCE WOULD ACTUALLY RESULT IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCEMENT OF US AND WESTERN INTERESTS. AMB HIGHLIGHTED EFFORTS WEST WAS MAKING TO PROMOTE PROGRESS IN BASKET III AREA CONCERNING HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WHILE CSCE'S RESULTS WILL BE RELATIVELY MODEST THEY COULD NONETHELESS HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE IMPACT ON DETENTE AND PROVIDE IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARDS MORE STABLE AND MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES. DELOFFS EMPHASIZED THAT CARE WAS BEING TAKEN TO INSURE THAT CSCE WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE WESTERN INTERESTS WITH REGARD TO SUCH MATTERS AS BERLIN AND MBFR NOR DIMINISH THE INFLUENCE OF THE US IN EUROPE. CONGRESSMEN ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CSCE'S DELIBERATIONS REGARDING EAST-WEST FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND MARRIAGE PROBLEMS. SEVERAL RAISED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE JURIDICAL NATURE OF THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENTS AND DELOFFS EXPLAINED THAT NO LEGAL COMMITMENTS OR TREATY OBLIGATIONS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

3. CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBM'S) WERE DISCUSSED ONLY BRIEFLY AT HEARING; CONGRESSMEN WERE CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CBM'S AND MBFR STABILIZING MEASURES. SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER (FORD) ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND DELOFF REPLIED THAT BOTH US AND USSR HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS AND THT IT WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY CSCE PARTICIPANTS THAT SUCH A MEASURE WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION, CONGRESSMAN RANDALL COMMENTED THAT THE HEARINGS HAD GIVEN HIS SUBCOMMITTEE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS AND OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE US ROLE AT THE CONFERENCE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THEIR VISIT HERE.  
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